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Commentary...

Terrorism Won't Break Israeli Will: *This fight is for the world's future.*

By Yossi Klein Halevi

Wednesday it was a university cafeteria next door to the art school where our son's baby-sitter is exhibiting her graduation project. Two days ago it was our family's favorite falafel place downtown, where the owner gives you a falafel ball to stimulate your appetite while you wait for your order to be filled.

Gradually, over the last two years of terrorist war, the landmarks of daily life have been turned into scenes of atrocity. Yet we've stopped marking those scenes with memorials or plaques listing the victims. Partly that's because there are now too many sites to commemorate. But partly too it's because Israeli society knows it can't afford to dwell on its losses in the midst of war. Just as soldiers don't pause to eulogize a fallen friend during battle, we too must continue fighting this war in which civilians are the front-line soldiers and persistence is our most powerful weapon.

This terrible summer is defined not only by terrorism but also by a stubborn Israeli refusal to be terrorized. Last week, thousands attended the Jerusalem Film Festival, enjoying live jazz and the latest foreign films. In the lulls between terrorist attacks, we return to cafes and restaurants and shopping malls, defying those who seek to destroy our public spaces.

We've become expert in finding safe corners where we can steal some moments of normalcy. Last week, my wife and I drove 20 minutes out of Jerusalem to a kibbutz in the Judean hills that offers a famous Friday brunch. When we got there, we found hundreds of other Jerusalemites who had the same idea of finding a respite in the countryside.

One example of our ability to endure the unendurable was provided by a recent restaurant review in a local Jerusalem newspaper. "A moment before an emergency army call-up notice whisked away my partner to an unknown destination and for unknown length of time," wrote the reviewer, "we went out with our young daughter to celebrate a year of our becoming parents. At the entrance [to the restaurant] we rang the bell, and only after they saw that we were lovers of peace and seekers of life did they open the locked door." That kind of irreverent humor helps us get through the day. Most of all, we persist, thanks to our national unity. This notoriously fractious society has rediscovered its commonality.

Ariel Sharon, once unelectable, now enjoys 70% support. Even many of us who once opposed occupying the territories now agree that we have no choice but to destroy the terrorist state-in-the-making nurtured by Yasser Arafat.

Rather than undermine our morale, the terrorist attacks only strengthen our resolve. Most Israelis realize that this isn't a war of Palestinian desperation but part of a long pattern of Palestinian self-destructiveness. Just as there would have been no Palestinian refugee problem had the Palestinians not rejected the U.N. partition in 1947 and tried to destroy the newborn Jewish state, and just as there would have been no Israeli occupation of the West Bank and Gaza had the Arab world not tried again to destroy Israel in 1967, so too would there be no reoccupation today had the Palestinians accepted Israel's offer of statehood two years ago.

Finally, we draw strength from the realization that we are the front line in a

global war against a new barbarity. Humanity is poised between breakthrough and breakdown, between unimagined scientific and medical advances and the forces of terrorist dissipation and religious reaction that would send us back to the Middle Ages.

Not surprisingly, the Jews once again find themselves the primary targets of those intent on world domination. As history has repeatedly

proved, what begins as a threat to the Jews ends with a threat to civilization. In clinging to a semblance of normal life and refusing to be terrorized, we are fighting a war whose implications extend far beyond Israel. Terrorists around the world are watching this conflict to see whether terrorism breaks Israeli will. Whether or not the world recognizes it, we know we're holding the line for its future as well as ours. (Los Angeles Times Aug 1)

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Shell Shock in Academia By Gabriel Danzig

An attack on Hebrew University is like an attack on a meeting of Peace Now. While one cannot judge an entire academic institution by the actions and words of a vocal minority, professors at Hebrew University have led in championing the Palestinian cause, sometimes crossing serious red lines.

The scandal concerning lecturers who refused to grant extensions to IDF soldiers serving in Israel's war against terrorism is well known. So too is the support of some of its professors for soldiers who refuse to serve in this vital and actually heroic effort. The alumni journal of the university went so far as to print an article concerning well-known alumni including Ehud Barak (accompanied by a youthful photograph) just on the eve of his election. It will be remembered that Barak was the prime minister who offered sweeping and unrealistic concessions to a Palestinian state only to have his offer flatly rejected by Yasser Arafat.

The historical stance of the Hebrew University has been documented in a book by Shalem Center president Dr. Yoram Hazony entitled *The Jewish State: The Struggle for Israel's Soul*, which shows how deeply entrenched are the institution's negative attitudes toward Jewish nationalism. Indeed, the Hebrew University has been of great service to the Palestinians. It has opened its doors to Palestinian students and teachers, and has allowed its campus to be used for

anti-Israeli protests. Why on earth would a Palestinian target this particular institution for a bombing?

One should not dismiss the possibility that the bombings are completely indiscriminate. That is not a reassuring thought. It implies that the Palestinian bombers are not opposed to this or that Israeli policy, nor seeking to influence Israeli attitudes, but are solely interested in frightening and killing as many Jews of all kinds as possible. Like the German Nazis, these Palestinians may simply object to the very presence of Jews in what they see as their land. For it is a misnomer to refer to their violence as directed against Israel or Israelis: Palestinians only target Jewish Israelis – Arab Israelis killed by Palestinian bombings are only collateral damage.

One might support the "indiscriminate" theory by pointing out that Palestinian leaders frequently say that they see no difference between right-wing leaders such as Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and former prime minister Binyamin Netanyahu and left-wing leaders, such as Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and former prime minister Ehud Barak.

But there is also good reason to see the bombing of the Hebrew University as a deliberately chosen target. It has recently come to the fore that many Palestinians bear a special hatred for the Israeli Left. It is not merely that they see leftists as threatening to initiate a period of peace, to which they are opposed. That threat has long since faded. What is at first sight perplexing is that there are genuine feelings of hatred toward these decent and sincere – if misguided – lovers of peace.

The reason is not hard to find. The Left continually seeks to transcend the national struggle and to appeal to the Palestinians on higher humanitarian grounds. This is the classic modernist position, which has been steadily

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eroded by identity politics over the past 20 or 30 years. The appeal to universal humanitarian concerns is seen by some as a subtle attempt to reimpose a Western, imperialistic agenda on independent and non-Western cultures. The so-called universal humanistic values that the West holds dear are seen in some quarters as a rhetorical device aiming to prevent supposedly oppressed peoples and cultures from asserting themselves violently.

Moreover, while the Right might be hostile to the Palestinian cause, the Left can be seen as insulting to it, implicitly denying that nationalism of any sort is anything worth fighting for. A rightist is a comprehensible enemy, someone with his or her feet on the floor, someone who acknowledges and accepts the fact that two nations are engaged in a struggle – the one seeking survival and security (Israel), the other seeking to block that move.

A leftist refuses to see things in such simplistic, black-and-white terms. He looks down on such struggles as childish. But when the children are playing with guns, that is not a very prudent way to speak about them.

Whatever the motivation, the attack on Hebrew University is yet another revolting example of the complete moral depravity of the popular leaders of the Palestinian national movement. Unlike Israeli "crimes," which usually involve nothing more than permitting Jewish people to exercise their right to build homes on unoccupied land in the Judean and Samarian hills, Palestinians crimes are something else entirely. They are systematic genocidal attacks against Israeli and non-Israeli Jews day in and day out.

Every resource that comes into Palestinian hands is somehow channeled into this life-destroying effort. Gaining control over significant areas of the West Bank was a great bonanza for these criminals, and a great step forward on the path to exterminating the Jewish inhabitants of Israel. Does anyone in the world still think that a Palestinian state would willingly refrain from even greater heights of murder? (Jerusalem Post Aug 2)

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Language, Lies & Jesse Jackson: The end game for Hamas.

By Nissan Ratzlav-Katz

On Wednesday, at lunchtime, Arab terrorists bombed the cafeteria of the Frank Sinatra building, located in the Nancy Reagan courtyard, on the Mount Scopus campus of Jerusalem's Hebrew University. The bomb killed seven people and injured 90 — students, professors, and administrative staff. This attack will reverberate in homes around the world, as many of those on campus for the summer semester are overseas students. Many of them are from the United States and four of those murdered were American citizens.

The Hamas immediately and proudly claimed responsibility for the multiple homicide on the Hebrew U. campus, saying that it was "revenge" for the Israeli assassination of the organization's second-in-command, Salah Shehadeh, last week. Speaking in English with European media outlets, Hamas spokesman Abd al-Aziz Rantisi further explained that Hamas is only trying to "defend our children... stop demolitions of our houses..." and the ever-popular "end the occupation." What self-abasing, leftist European wouldn't at least "understand" such motivations?

The problem is that Rantisi said something altogether different in his Arabic television soundbite: "I am saying to the Zionists that this [the Hebrew U. attack] is just the first reaction and if they do not want to get hurt a lot more, they should go back to the countries they came from." Or, in another clip, he said that the attacks will continue "until the Jews leave Palestine." I guess some things just don't translate well into English. In this context, it may be instructive to recall an interview the Hamas spokesman granted to Dr. Aharon Lerner of *Independent Media Review and Analysis* in December of 1997. In that interview Rantisi said, "Everybody in the world knows that the Jews came in 1948 and they occupied our land, uprooted our people from our land and so we consider all of Palestine now under occupation." That is, when terrorists say they want to "end the occupation," the translation is that they want to destroy the State of Israel and force the Jews into exile. As the Hamas Covenant states in its preamble, "Israel will exist and will continue to exist until Islam will obliterate it, just as it obliterated others before it."

The Hamas is far from alone. After the bombing in the university cafeteria, while speaking with Western reporters, PLO leader Yasser Arafat blamed Prime Minister Ariel Sharon for the increased violence, but, at the same time, voiced condemnation of such terrorist attacks. On the other hand, PA senior minister Nabil Shaath was quoted as saying that the PLO discussions with Hamas regarding the terrorist bombings "are about how and when... about if it is acceptable to temporarily pause during the Jihad..." That statement, also, was made only in Arabic.

Perhaps the word "revenge" also has a different meaning in Arabic than it does in English. Fourteen people have been killed in several terrorist attacks since the assassination of Shehadeh in Gaza ten days ago. Every Palestinian Authority faction, not just the Hamas, has taken part in recent attacks, all claiming that their actions were "revenge" for Shehadeh's death. The only trouble is that, during an equivalent ten-day period prior to the Shehadeh assassination, a total of 15 people were killed by PA-based terrorists. Were they victims of "preemptive revenge"?

It is not just Arab spokesmen who have a problem with consistency. Jesse

Jackson, leader of the Chicago-based Rainbow/PUSH Coalition and self-described "bridge-builder," was in Israel this week as part of a delegation of religious leaders promoting "reconciliation." As part of his "peacemaking" tour, Jackson had planned to visit the Gaza home of the founder of Hamas, Ahmed Yassin. The terrorist leader told Reuters that he welcomed the visit. Jackson was at the Erez checkpoint outside of Gaza when news of the Jerusalem bombing broke. He immediately changed his plans and proceeded to Ramallah, instead. Apparently, the good "reverend" thought that it would be unseemly to visit Yassin so soon after such a deadly terrorist attack, carried out under the auspices of his intended host. The only question is why Jackson felt it was acceptable and moral for him to pay his respects to the man in the first place. Just last month, Hamas took responsibility for the suicide bombing of a Jerusalem bus packed with students on their way to school, in which 19 people were killed. If that terrorist attack did not cause the self-appointed "civil-rights leader" to forego a meeting with the Hamas leader, why would the Hebrew University bombing have caused him any second thoughts? Was the "bridge builder" perhaps worried about becoming collateral damage in an Israeli counterstrike?

However, unlike Jesse Jackson, interested in self-promotion alone, Hamas has a very distinct worldview. It might be summed up in a paraphrase of the famous Hitlerian expression, "Today, Israel; tomorrow, the world!" As Article 15 of the aforementioned Hamas covenant states, "The day the enemies usurp part of Muslim land, Jihad becomes the individual duty of every Muslim. In the face of the Jews' usurpation, it is compulsory that the banner of Jihad be raised." When asked in the 1997 IMRA interview if this ideology also applied to states such as Spain, once under the Muslim crescent, Abd al-Aziz Rantisi laughed and replied, "I am speaking now about Palestine... It's up to our religious leaders who can give a fatwa [ruling] on this. But I am a politician and I am only speaking about our land in Palestine." (National Review Online Aug 2)

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Hebrew U Survivor: An interview with Eliad Moreh By Michael Leeden

The whole world saw the heartbreaking photograph of Eliad Moreh as she staggered out of the cafeteria at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. At that moment she knew she was wounded but kept telling herself she would overcome the injury and survive. She was unaware of the projectiles that had lodged in the back of her neck and other wounds in the rest of her body, as she was unaware that her friend, a young Israeli diplomat who had come to tell her goodbye before leaving on a foreign posting, was dead. Now she has just been released from hospital, where she took massive doses of antibiotics. Israeli doctors have learned that many of the suicide bombers are infected with diseases ranging from hepatitis to HIV. When they blow themselves up, there is danger of blood exchange, or of flesh projectiles penetrating the bodies of their victims, and Israeli hospitals have been stocked with vaccines against many common diseases, as well as with the antibiotics they administer to fight infection. But Eliad's attacker did not commit suicide, and so she was at least spared that threat; aside from the antibiotics she was given tetanus shots.

She has certainly not been intimidated, and she has no intention of being silent. She feels that if she received life as a present - her 27th birthday happens to fall at the end of the week - she has a message to tell the world:

If I have survived while the young man sitting next to me - my dearest friend Diego David - was assassinated, it must be because I am obliged to speak out. You must not say "killed," these people who peacefully had lunch in the cafeteria were assassinated. And the aim of the Palestinian terrorist who put the bomb there was to murder as many human beings as possible. They were systematically targeted for death, not killed as if in an accident. The seven people murdered here were targeted because they were Jews, and found themselves on the soil of Israel. That was their crime, that was why they were assassinated. And because I have survived the attack of this assassin, I will speak my mind with all my strength. In fact at the very moment I came out of the cafeteria, feeling the pain in my neck, I felt I had to scream my message to the world.

Ledeen: And do you feel strong now?

Moreh: Yes, I feel stronger today than I did before. The message I have for my people and the world gives me the strength to carry on. I have just left the hospital, I am still taking antibiotics and have bandages, and will have to do some tests in the next weeks. Yet, I tell you that the physical pain is nothing compared to the voice burning inside of me.

Ledeen: Okay, you've got the microphone.

Moreh: I see history repeated. It is again considered a crime to be a Jew, just as it was during the thirties and forties. Nobody gives a damn. Just as in the thirties and forties, the rest of the world stands by while Jews are assassinated every day. The difference is, thank God, that today we have a state. But we are refused the right to defend ourselves against our enemies, which is a more perverse way to forbid our existence. By finding reasons to justify the assassins, some people in Europe encourage them to shed more Jewish blood.

Ledeen: There are many who feel the Palestinians are entitled to be free, and to determine their own lives?

Moreh: Of course, but not at the expense of our own lives. Palestinians were offered an independent state in the frame of the Oslo agreement, but they rejected it, and started a terrorist war against Israel, proving they had no interest in coexistence. Besides, what kind of freedom is it when it is acquired at the expense of innocent bodies? Is there anything that can justify the deliberate murdering of as many people as possible? In the name of this freedom Palestinians are assassinating people whose only crime is going to a supermarket, or to a restaurant, or to a dance hall, or to a family celebration. This is not freedom, it is barbarity. The terrorists' intention is to make hell out of this place. They even burn the trees in our country, do you know that? What crimes have the trees committed?

Ledeen: There have been many religious wars in history, and the terrorists now speak in the name of religion.

Moreh: The wars of religion are the most dangerous, because the moment one is ready to kill in order to impose his religion on the others, no dialogue is possible. The Jewish people have more than 3,000 years of history on this land, long before these assassins claimed it. Yet, no Jew ever imposed his religion on the others, it was always the opposite. Since the creation of the state of Israel, Muslims, and Christians can go to their sacred places. But Jews cannot go to the sacred places that are in the Palestinian Authority and come back alive, that's the difference.

Ledeen: The most terrible thing is the silence of the West, which carried out the Holocaust such a short time ago.

Moreh: Yes. Unfortunately, memory is short. Today, Israelis who are constantly victims of terrorist attacks are presented as executioners through the demonic propaganda of the Arab world and the help of Europe. At least the Americans can understand, because of the catastrophe of September 11th. All those Americans who lost friends and family know how we feel, how we feel every day, because every day Jews are assassinated. I was just in France, and I looked in the windows of the bookstores and saw horrible books, books saying that September 11th never happened, that it was all a lie invented by the Americans. Can you imagine how pernicious the terrorists' propaganda can be? September 11th was a tragedy for all humanity, and its threat still exists, the same threat that exists today in Israel exists throughout the Western world. And there is only one way to deal with it: The terrorists, everywhere, must be put to death.

Ledeen: Just one final question: Why are the Jews the center of these attacks?

Moreh: It is only the beginning. The political conflict in Israel is only used as a pretext. The truth is that the aim of fundamentalist Islam is to dominate the world, in every place, no matter who is the population. Look at the conflicts in the world, in the Philippines, in Pakistan, in Iraq, in Algeria, fanatic Muslims are every time involved. Muslim Fundamentalism represents a danger for the whole of humanity, wherever there is democracy and freedom. It does not concern Israel only. The sooner the world understands it, the sooner we will be able to vanquish these forces of evil. And I have no doubt we will triumph because the forces of life are stronger than those of death. (National Review Aug 6)

Moral Treason Jerusalem Post Editorial

At the very moment when one wonders whether there are any limits to the creativity of Israel's enemies, along comes Gush Shalom to show that perfidy can be brought to new heights. That organization, self-described by a founder as "peacemaker than Peace Now," just sent letters to 15 senior IDF officers warning them that it was gathering evidence that it might submit to an international war crimes tribunal.

The first word that comes to mind for the legal harassment of soldiers in wartime is treason. In fact, Attorney-General Elyakim Rubinstein, at the behest of fuming ministers, did announce on Sunday that he had investigated Gush Shalom in the past and would do so again in response to this latest action.

We suspect that nothing much will come of this investigation. In any case, as much as it is tempting to throw the book at such people, it is more important how they fare in the docket of public opinion than in the courtroom.

Treason is, according to Webster's Dictionary, "The offense of... betraying the state into the hands of a foreign power; disloyalty; treachery." Gush Shalom, of course, would not only deny that they were acting treasonously, but claim that they are the real patriots.

As they wrote to introduce themselves to the IDF officers they targeted, "We are Israeli citizens concerned with the values of the State of Israel and worried about the grave consequences which the citizens of Israel might suffer as a result of the increased frustration and hatred of the Palestinian population."

But good intentions, feigned or real, are not inconsistent with treason in the moral sense. Some of the most damaging spies against the United States and other democracies were motivated by money or the excitement of intrigue, but some believed they were serving the cause of justice or world peace. The line between acceptable democratic dissent and treason is not a bright and clear one. Yet again, what matters most is not where that line is drawn legally, but socially and politically. Who is acceptable and who is beyond the pale? In this case, it is the job of the Left to ostracize its most extreme elements rather than remain

silent.

The Gush Shalom Web site, for example, sports a petition against US financial assistance to Israel, and a rolling, laudatory count of the number of soldiers who are refusing to serve in the territories. Some members of Meretz have spoken out against refusal to serve, some have expressed their understanding, if not outright support.

In general, the Israeli Left has distinguished itself from its international counterparts in that it is not pacifist – many leftists proudly serve in the army and reject out of hand the idea that force, even in self-defense, is inherently immoral. It is this moderate Left that should speak out against Gush Shalom if it is to retain its own standing.

Though Gush Shalom is not representative even of Meretz, let alone the Labor party, Israel's more moderate Left remains somewhat uncomfortable defending the current war. Israel's killing of Hamas arch-terrorist Salah Shehadeh has unleashed a torrent of self-doubt, not just over the associated Palestinian casualties, but over the efficacy of killing our worst enemies even given operational perfection.

What is more, our Left seems to have more trouble than President George W. Bush in placing the burden for ending this war on the Palestinian side.

The mainstream Left does not follow Gush Shalom, but neither does it seem entirely convinced that Israel is waging a just war justly, with no alternative but to achieve victory before seeking peace.

If the mainstream Left is serious about pursuing peace, even according to its own lights, it must distinguish itself from the pacifism of Gush Shalom. The more moderate Left, for example, may believe that the Clinton Parameters mark out an ultimate solution to the conflict.

But the Left should distinguish between what it advocates as a "diplomatic horizon" and what must be done now to defeat terrorism. The Left should know, and should say, that the only peace that lies at the end of Gush Shalom's path is the peace of the grave. Pacifism in the face of terror has nothing to do with morality or peace.

That it is often said does not make it less true: If the Palestinians put down their weapons today, there would be no more violence; if Israel put down its weapons today, there would be no more Israel. (Jerusalem Post Aug 6)

Time for Israel to Ignore "World Opinion" and Do What it must

By David Fischer

I never backed Rabbi Meir Kahane, may his blood be avenged 3-million-fold, when he called for the removal/expulsion of Arabs from pre-1967 Israel and from Judea, Samaria, and Gaza. To this day, when people tell me "you know, he was right, and we should have backed him," I respond: No, he was wrong, and we were right to part ways on the issue. Because that was then. And it was wrong. And he was horribly, horribly wrong. Just as he was horribly, horribly wrong when he advertised and wrote and published that America 1972 was like Germany 1932. Thirty years have passed in America, and none of it has paralleled what happened in Germany between 1932-1962.

Yet Oslo has changed the dynamic of all our realities. With Oslo, we said to the Arabs that they could defeat Israel and get the Land of Israel by applying unyielding pressure. With Oslo, we gave them guns. With Oslo, we gave them a political infrastructure that could control the schools that educate children and teens and college youths. With Oslo, we gave them the power to operate their own media of mass communication: television, radio, newspapers. With Oslo, we abandoned security positions and left our Arab informers and allies as prey to the wolves. With Oslo, while Rabin and Peres were being accoladed for their vision and greatness, and while our Leftists in Israel and America were talking about new horizons and possibilities for a bright new day, the Arabs under Arafat were busily planning the next stage in their methodical plan to take more land from Israel towards the ultimate goal of annihilation of Israel. The Arab extremists said it, and the Arab moderates said it, but.

Well, I listened. And thousands and hundreds of thousands of us listened, but the ones in power did not listen.

Oslo was corrupt from the start. Rabin did not have a Jewish Knesset majority for Oslo. So Knesset members were enticed to abandon conscience in return for promotions, fancy government-issue cars, and government perks. The Arab Knesset members voted for Israel to withdraw from the land. And a majority unfolded that was not the representative majority of the people who had voted for them. In America, to help prevent the feelings we had when the corrupted majority was bartered for Oslo, any important decision entailing a treaty like Oslo requires two-thirds approval in the United States Senate. In the Knesset, that would mean needing 80 Knesset votes rather than 61 out of 120. Five Knesset members could be bribed and corrupted. Maybe ten. Add a few votes from Arab Knesset members elected on a platform endorsing destruction of a Jewish State, and you still may not have 80. To get 80, you would need 61 people honestly voting as they believed.

But Oslo was not honest, and its corruption eroded the moral fabric of Israeli democracy when the Leftist-Marxists who were running the country

were boasting of their democracy.

If Oslo had not happened, who knows what movement towards peace could have continued? Maybe nothing and maybe something like the peace with Sadat that really was something. Even if Egypt breaks all its promises tomorrow and declares war, the peace with Sadat really turned out to be something, although Israel paid a crazy high price for it. Maybe the peace with Sadat ultimately could have been replicated in time with the Arabs in Judea, Samaria, and Gaza. But Oslo short-circuited the process of reaching a peace of normalcy and instead laid the foundation and framework for the erection of a deeply corrupt government that has created the first true Terror Country. If we speak of terror-supporting countries like Iran, Iraq, Syria, and Libya, there still is no such terror apparatus in the world that matches Arafat's terror apparatus.

The Palestinian terror is a cancer that has irreversibly metastasized. It is like the untreatable lymphomas and melanomas that seep below the surface, spread throughout the infrastructure, and no longer can be extirpated with precision surgery or focused chemical without destroying the entire organism. The terror is everywhere. It is in the men of fighting age, and also in the women, the mothers, and in the young people, and in the children. It is in the seats of power and on the streets of Ramallah, Jenin, Kalkilya, Tulkarm, Bethlehem, Shechem, and everywhere they are. The terror runs in the sewage that flows along the streets, and it reposes in the seats of power in the heart of the parliament of the Palestinian Authority. It is in the businesses, the colleges, the media, and everything that says Palestine Authority.

It cannot be treated, and it cannot be stopped with the tools that Israeli governments have defined as the tools they will use to treat it. To treat cancer with acetaminophen, then to say we are no longer going to use acetaminophen but ibuprofen, then to say we no longer will use ibuprofen but aspirin is a mental gymnastic that solves nothing, that prolongs the slow, painful death that cancer brings when it has irreversibly metastasized.

If Barak had acted strongly two years ago, stronger medicine would not be needed now. If Sharon had acted strongly, stronger medicine would not be needed now. But Sharon was ibuprofen to Barak's acetaminophen. And Netanyahu will be aspirin. It has reached the point that one must stop to think: which Prime Minister presided when this or that terror attack happened. Barak was Prime Minister during the Incident of the Bloody Hands, the burning of Joseph's Tomb, the shooting of the hikers who could not be airlifted before they bled to death because Barak would not order the helicopter gunships to fire on those shooting.

What about Sharon? Was the Dolphinarium disco his? Sbarros Pizza? He certainly was the Prime Minister for Karnei Shomron Pizza and Rehovot Pinball, the Netanya Seder and Central Bus Stations in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem.

With the bombing at Hebrew University, we reap further all of this. In the past two years have wiped out Israel's tourism industry, leaving hotels empty, restaurants empty, and streets emptier, today's bombing now hits another front, and I will not elaborate here. And it will get worse, and it will get worse. And it will get even worse, and it will get even worse. And it will get worse than that, and it will get worse than that.

And that is why I think it is about time that they stop building that idiotic wall and stop playing their foolish hokey-pokey and start realizing that the country has to confront this thing now. Despite obvious problems with security and allegiances among Arabs living in pre-1967 Israel, I still cannot lend my support to those who would include them in the same category as the Arabs living in Judea, Samaria, and Gaza. But, as for those Arabs in Judea and Samaria, I do believe that it is time for mass transfers.

Arguably, mass transfers of the population from Judea and Samaria to Gaza are somewhat more politic than they would be if the destination were Jordan. The "whole world" regards "Palestine" to be a single entity consisting of the "West Bank" and Gaza. So, mass population transfers from Judea and Samaria to Gaza are not really "expulsions" anyway, but population transfers within a country. America transferred people to reservations. Israel would not be doing such a thing as the Americans did; instead, it would be transferring the population to their own land where they have cities where they can live and prosper. Whereas America forced the population to march on foot with deaths along the way, Israel would provide armored transport. The transport should not be trains, instead should be buses.

I believe that, until Israel mass-transfers the Arab population from Judea and Samaria to Gaza (or some other destination like Jordan), this thing will not end. I would love to be proved wrong. I am absolutely convinced that Sharon will not prove me wrong. Only Effie Eitam and Netanyahu have the potential to prove me wrong. But Eitam will not prove me wrong because I got the idea partly from him, so he would do something similar, but never will have the authority or power to rise to be Prime Minister because he is not a member of a major party. That leaves Netanyahu.

I like Bibi again, and I believe that he would not be the same weasel this time as he was when he signed the Wye Agreement last time. But even as he has grown, so has the Arab terror infrastructure metastasized. Maybe Bibi would expel families of suicide bombers. Maybe Bibi would not be the kind of idiot who now runs Israel and who authorized transferring \$15 million to Arafat this week. Maybe he would be different. But not enough so.

There are obvious moral and ethical protests to mass-transferring a population. I do not believe we should care anymore. I know that I do not care.

I care enough that I would not advocate troubling or inconveniencing a single Arab who resides within Israel's pre-1967 borders. They are called "Arab Israelis" or "Israeli Arabs," and whatever their innermost loyalties, the cancer of terror has not metastasized among them. Rather, there are localized cancer eruptions, and they can be pinpoint-excised. As for the ethic or morality of mass-transferring the Judea-Samaria Arab population, I think it is time to say loud and clear: once someone accepts the morality and ethic of advocating the mass-transferring of the Jewish population from Judea and Samaria -- and the "whole world" accepts and advocates that morality and ethic -- then it is neither more nor less moral, neither more nor less ethical, to mass-transfer the Arab population of Judea and Samaria.

What is the moral-ethical difference between effectuating the mass transfer of 200,000 Jewish souls out of Judea-Samaria into a contiguous land mass that also comprises their territorial nation (pre-1967 Israel) -- or effectuating the mass transfer of 2,000,000 Arabs out of Judea-Samaria into a contiguous land mass that also comprises their territorial nation (Gaza Strip) (also Jordan)? I see only two sharp differences: (1) the disparity of numbers, and (2) the question of land ownership.

As to the disparity of numbers, it is easier to treat 200,000 people a certain way than 2,000,000 people. The pain is quantitatively greater and the unseemliness quantitatively more unseemly when transferring 2,000,000 instead of 200,000. However, a population mass of 200,000 people is itself so great, so enormous -- more than the population of many serious-sized American cities -- that the morality and ethic should be regarded as the same. Indeed, the 200,000 Jews of Judea-Samaria are typically well established house-owners, but most of the 2,000,000 Arabs claim that they are refugees anyway and want a "right to return" to their "real" Palestine. How else could they be maintaining all those Arab refugee camps throughout Judea and Samaria? Also, the 200,000 Jews came in peace, trade in peace, behave in peace and do not bear metastasized terror in their social fabric, while the 2,000,000 have lost all claim to morality or ethic.

Ultimately, then, the moral-ethical issue comes down to the question of land ownership. The "whole world" says the land belongs to the Arabs. Therefore, the "whole world" believes it moral and ethical to mass-transfer the entire 200,000-strong Jewish population of Judea-Samaria to the contiguous land mass of their nation. We say the land belongs to the Jews. Therefore, it is appropriate under the same morality and ethical code to mass-transfer the entire Arab population of Judea-Samaria to the contiguous land mass of their nation (Gaza or Jordan).

I believe -- I really do -- that Israel ultimately is going to move to this position, and we or our children will yet see mass transfers of the Arab population of Judea and Samaria to Gaza or Jordan. It will happen because, once those fools run out of cockamamie ideas -- let's build a wall; let's give them small arms only; let's supervise the election of a democratically elected parliament; let's transfer tens of millions of dollars to them -- the only solution standing between Israel's termination and her survival will be the mass-transfer of the Judea-Samaria Arab population to Gaza or Jordan. Rabbi Kahane was horribly wrong when he advocated what he did when he did. He also was horribly wrong challenging the primacy of the democracy institution as the proper governing vehicle for Israel. His bunching together the Arabs living within Israel's pre-1967 borders with those in Judea and Samaria remains wrong these many years later, as of this day and this writing. And his advocacy before Oslo of steps that were not right then was horribly wrong and possibly contributes to this day to a resistance among many to consider the need to begin mass transfers.

I am writing this today, after a hiatus of extended writing, because I believe that the bombing at the Hebrew University campus opens a new front that even the Arab terrorists do not understand. Only when the smoke clears, and they read that Americans are pulling out of the schools and that Christian-fundamentalist tourists are the only ones coming en masse will they divine new targets. It is like Bin Laden hitting the WTC.

With time, with new outrages, and with new heights and abysses of ignominy, terrorists try new things, come up with new ideas. Coke recipes change. Tide changes formulas. And terrorists, like everyone else, also grow. They come up with new ideas. "Hey, look at this! The WTC did not come down the way we thought it would when we bombed the garage pillars. Let's figure out how else we can go about it." "Hey, look at this! A bombing at Hebrew University has set off a panic among foreigners visiting Israel. Why didn't we think of this earlier? There is Tel Aviv University. And there is Haifa University. And there is Ben Gurion University. And, let's see, where else do the Americans come to study?"

But none of this would be happening if they had not hit the central bus stations first, or the bingo parlors before then, or the pizza stores, or the discos. And that is why, if Israel does not act to put this darn thing to an end now, it will yet grow in horror and will not end until the Arab population of Judea and Samaria, poisoned by eight years of Arafat's television, radio, newspapers, schools, camps, and social infrastructure, is transferred to Gaza or Jordan before they transfer the Jews of Judea and Samaria to Tel Aviv and Jerusalem as their next step towards eradicating Israel.

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